

# THE DOCTRINE OF GOD: THE GOD WHO CREATES

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**Genesis 1:1** says "In the beginning God created..."

**Romans 1:20** says, "For [God's] invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made."

## GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ SEEN IN CREATION

When God responds to Job in **Job 38–40** he speaks of a host of things in his creation that demonstrate his wisdom, power, lordship, authority, sovereignty and majesty.

### I. \_\_\_\_\_ Great and Small

Creatures that testify to God's power and wisdom. (You may draw them if you wish.)

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### II. \_\_\_\_\_ (Job 38:25, 35)

### III. \_\_\_\_\_ (Job 38:29–30)

### IV. \_\_\_\_\_ (Job 38:36)

*It's amazing to consider God's creative power. Who is God? What is God like? Just look at the world, the universe, and creatures that he's made. They testify to God's greatness.*

## I. CREATION REVEALS GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ AND ESTABLISHES \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 19:1–4** says, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. <sup>2</sup>Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. <sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. <sup>4</sup>Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world" (see also **Psalm 50:6**).

**Psalm 148** says, "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! <sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! <sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! <sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created. <sup>6</sup>And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away. <sup>7</sup>Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

<sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word! <sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! <sup>10</sup>Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds! <sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! <sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens together, old men and children! <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. <sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!" (see also **Psalm 89:5; 98:7–9; Isaiah 55:12**).

**Nehemiah 9:6** says, "You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you."

**Psalm 8:3–4** says, "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, <sup>4</sup>what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?"

**Psalm 95:3–7** says, "For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. <sup>4</sup>In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. <sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. <sup>6</sup>Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! <sup>7</sup>For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand."

**Isaiah 43:7** says, "...everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made"

**Romans 11:36** says, "For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."

**Revelation 4:11** says, "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

## II. CREATION REVEALS GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ AND ESTABLISHES \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 33:6–9** says, "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. <sup>7</sup>He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. <sup>8</sup>Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! <sup>9</sup>For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm."

**Psalm 24:1–2** says, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, <sup>2</sup>for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers."

**Colossians 1:16** says, "For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him" (see also **John 1:1–3; Mark 4:35–41**).

**Acts 17:24–25** says, "The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,<sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything."

**Romans 1:19–23** says, "For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.<sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.<sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.<sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools,<sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things."

### III. CREATION CRIES FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AND NEW \_\_\_\_\_

**Isaiah 44:21–26** says, "Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.<sup>22</sup> I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.<sup>23</sup> Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.<sup>24</sup> Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: "I am the Lord, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself,<sup>25</sup> who frustrates the signs of liars and makes fools of diviners, who turns wise men back and makes their knowledge foolish,<sup>26</sup> who confirms the word of his servant and fulfills the counsel of his messengers, who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be inhabited,' and of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be built, and I will raise up their ruins'"

**2 Corinthians 5:17** says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

**2 Corinthians 4:6** says, "For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

**Ephesians 2:1** says, "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins" and "even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ" (**2:5**) and "we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (**2:10**). Now we're called to "put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness" (**4:24**).

**1 Corinthians 15:49** says, "Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven."

**Romans 8:19–21** says, "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.<sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope<sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God."

**Isaiah 65:17–18** says, "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness" (see also **66:22**).

**Revelation 21:1–4** says, "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.""

## **SAVING FAITH IS A FAITH IN THE GOD WHO CREATES**

**Hebrews 11:1–3** says, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible."

**Romans 4:11** says, "[God,] who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist."

*Creation assures us of God's power to fulfill his promises of salvation.*

## **RECOMMENDED RESOURCES**

Resources in order from introductory to advanced.

J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*

John Frame, *The Doctrine of God*

Various Authors, *Coming to Grips with Genesis*